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OPPONENTS OUT AGAINST BILL

Quinn's Sunday Theater Measure
Draws Big Crowd of
People Who Object.

Opponents of Senator Quinn's bill putting it up to the county supervisors to open the theaters on Sunday jammed the hall of Representatives last night at a public hearing held by the House committee on health and police. It was a big demonstration against the bill, and few of its supporters appeared last night, although Senator Quinn, himself, one of the speakers, said that there were enough to fill the hall twice if they had been gathered together.

The discussion was informal and at times bordered on the hysterical, as Chairman Coney found himself unable to keep the speakers to the point of issue—whether they desired the Legislature to delegate its right to control Sunday theater opening to the supervisors. The crowd was more than good-natured—it was ready to laugh at anything, and Coney's railing afforded the House unlimited merriment.

Representatives of a number of religious denominations were present, and many spoke, including the Rt. Rev. Bishop Libbert of the Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Restarick of the Episcopal church, Rev. J. P. Edman, of Valhalla, Ernest L. Miner, president of the Latter Day Saints church, Dr. Doremus Scudder of Central Union church, Rev. C. D. M. Williams of the Seventh Day Adventist church, and another Adventist, the Rev. Silva.

Two women were among the speakers, both of them in favor of leaving the Sunday law as it is. In fact, the only speaker in favor of the law last night was Attorney George D. Davis. Senator Quinn explained it, and talked on it, giving his reasons for introducing it, but he did not commit himself definitely as to his personal feeling in the matter.

Chairman Coney of the committee presided, while Representative H. L. Kaveeweh of the committee acted as interpreter. In view of the large number of Hawaiians in the audience, Charles K. Keolu was the first to speak in Hawaiian. He was early ruled out of order because he did not confine himself to the subject. W. A. Kinney was the next to rise. He took exception to Coney's ruling on the point of order.

"The power of what is to be done or not to be done on Sunday is of the highest and gravest importance, and should never be delegated to a board of supervisors. I consider it preposterous that a vital question of this kind should be committed to the council. Why, the great State of New York does not delegate to its city government the right to fix its Sunday laws."

Territorial Matter.
"Every citizen of this Territory has the right to say what shall or shall not be done here. There is no precedent to support this proposed measure except certain instances in Western life. I believe the policy of the State should be to secure a day of rest for its people, although I do not believe it has anything to do with the religious side of the question. In Hawaii it is inexcusable to suppose that the health of the people will be better conserved by being cooped up in a theater rather than being outdoors. To confer the right to safeguard the health of the people would be for this Legislature to make a spectacle of itself."

"A matter of controlling what shall be done or shall not be done should go to the people; it should have been a spectacle of itself."

Davis in Favor.
Attorney George Davis argued that the Sunday opening is a matter of local legislation. "It is so in San Francisco, Chicago and all over the East, and I challenge contradiction," he cried.

"Well, I challenge it," interrupted Kinney, but Davis went on: "There's a large portion of the population that you can't drive into a church and they should be treated with toleration," he shouted. "Let them go to a show if they want to. Sunday stays at 6 o'clock for most of them, anyway."

James T. Wakefield, representing the Men's Club of St. Andrew's parish, spoke against the bill, pleading the need of a legally enforced day of rest. "It is uncalculated for by the community and detrimental to health and morals. The handing of the power of regulation over to the counties would be side-stepping responsibility," he declared.

W. A. Bowen opposed the bill. "The people of the Territory have put you in office to legislate," he declared, "and you have no right to delegate it to the supervisors."

Rev. S. L. Desha, chaplain of the House, speaking in Hawaiian, declared himself against the measure.

Woman Opposes Bill.
Mrs. Kakuwa, wife of Rev. Mr. Kakuwa of Kohala, appeared to oppose the bill on behalf of Kaunakakai church. She spoke in Hawaiian, taking as her theme, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." "The main reason for this bill," she declared, "is money, the root of evil."

Bishop Restarick declared that the bill is un-American. "The supervisors of San Francisco have the power to regulate matters of this kind because in 1882 the Sunday law was abolished and there is no State Sunday law," he said.

"Directly this bill passes you will have not only an amusement Sunday, you will have a working Sunday, and I plead here for the working man. I'm not a Puritan; I'm not in favor of sumptuary laws. It is not a question of church or of religion, but of people's rights."

Lyle A. Dickey next opposed the bill, and was followed by Rev. J. P. Edman, who made a vigorous and clear-cut argument against the bill on the ground that the Territory has had no chance to express its sentiments on the subject, as well that it affects labor

and thus is a Territorial, not a county measure.

U. S. Constitution Up.
Rev. C. D. M. Williams opposed the bill on some constitutional grounds that he tried to state, but was repeatedly ruled out of order by Chairman Coney. His argument appeared to be that under the constitution of the United States the Legislature has no right to legislate on the law.

Elder E. L. Miner of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints spoke against the bill, because, he stated, Sunday theater opening is against the wishes of the parents of the Territory.

Mrs. Julia Smith was the next opponent of the bill, speaking against it also as a member of the committee from Kaunakakai church.

Senator Quinn Speaks.
Dr. Scudder, pastor of Central Union church, wanted to know if there were any present in favor of the bill, and in answer Chairman Coney called forward Senator Quinn, the introducer of the bill. Rev. Desha translated for him. He outlined his position on the bill briefly.

"First, I wish it understood that I am not in any way, financially or otherwise, interested in the theaters or in the effect of this bill. It is my own idea; it was not handed to me to introduce. I introduced it because I thought it would be for the benefit of the working people. I've been working since I was ten years old. I do not represent the people who have the preferred sugar stock, but the mechanic. Do you suppose that when there's some sugar to be got to the market in a hurry before the price changes, and the plantations work on Sunday, that there's anything said here about it?"

"I believe that when we allow the supervisors to handle all the business of the county in other respects, they should do it in this."

"I introduced this bill as I thought it a fair and just bill. The supervisors can try it out. If they don't like the way it works out, it can be repealed at the next meeting, but the Legislature meets only once in two years."

Mr. Kinney asked Senator Quinn just how far he believed the county should regulate Sunday observance, and they interchanged a number of questions and replies without eliciting any definite result, Quinn declaring that the question of general labor regulation has nothing to do with the Sunday opening of theaters.

Working Man's View.
J. E. Hoeha declared that the Legislature should not delegate the powers under the bill to the board of supervisors. He made a strong plea for the observance of Sunday and became eloquent in asking for protection for the home and family ties.

Bishop Libbert of the Catholic church: "I don't see that the community is asking for this law. If you look at the newspapers, you will not find the people demanding it. I think it would help break up the home."

He was followed by Dr. Scudder, who said: "The reason why this matter is brought up is because the people behind the bill don't believe the Legislature would open the theaters and believe the supervisors would."

Mayor Fern talked a long time, but whether he was for or against the bill the majority of the audience was in doubt when he had finished.

**WOULD ADMIT
CHINESE LABOR**

A decided sentiment in favor of asking Congress to let down the exclusion bars and allow Chinese into the Territory in limited numbers, appeared at a dinner last evening attended by nine members of the Senate, several Representatives and a number of business men. A majority of the Senators present expressed themselves as in favor of submitting a memorial to Congress asking that a limited number of laborers be admitted and Senator Chillingworth will present the resolution in the upper house of the Legislature, if the tentative plans made last night are carried out.

Speeches favoring the idea were made by Senator Cecil Brown, Senator Fairchild, Senator Pali, Walter G. Smith and U. S. Attorney Breckons. In behalf of the Chinese, Chu Gen, Dr. Li and Fong Kong showed the necessity for the admission of Chinese labor.

Cecil Brown said that the Provisional Government had made a great mistake in excluding Chinese, stating that the action was taken at that time in order to avoid any obstacles to annexation and meet the labor sentiment then prevailing on the Pacific slope.

Former Governor Adams of Nevada spoke in favor of modifying the exclusion act, as did Judge Marice D. O'Connell, until recently solicitor general for the United States Treasury department.

LEWERENZ HAS BEEN RELIEVED

Civil Engineer Lewerenz, U. S. N., has been relieved of duty here and his place taken by Civil Engineer E. H. Gaylor, who has been on duty at the navy yard at Charleston.

Mr. Lewerenz has been confined to his home for many weeks with rheumatism and heart complications, and in the meantime the work of his office in regard to the Pearl Harbor construction has devolved upon Civil Engineers Burrell and Smith. Civil Engineer Lewerenz and family sailed for the mainland on the Korea last week.

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